

REMARKS

In the Action, the claims are restricted to the Group I claims directed to the formulation including claims 1, 3-25 and 35-39, and Group II including claims 26-34 directed to a process for making granules of the product. The restriction is based on the position that the product claims can be made by a materially different process that does not require extrusion.

Applicants provisionally elect the Group I claims, including claims 1, 3-25 and 35-39, directed to the solid formulation. This election is made with traverse.

The present Amendment adds new claims 40-43 directed to the process for making an agriculturally effective solid formulation by admixing a phosphoroamido(di)thioate with a terpene of oxygenated derivative as a masking agent, and claims 44-47 directed to the formulation obtained by the process. Thus, independent claim 40 and claims 41-43 depending therefrom are directed to a process for making the formulation of the product claims. The product claims cannot be made by a materially different process from the process recited in claim 40. Accordingly, claim 40 is submitted to effectively link the product and process claims together. Similarly, claims 44-47 recite the process steps to link the process claims and the product claims together. Applicants request the restriction be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit the restriction should be withdrawn. Prompt and favorable examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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